

Happy Holidays



From W7DK, W7OS, and the Logger's Bark Staff

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**RCT Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
5 November 2014**

The Radio Club of Tacoma Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma.

Officers and board members present:

President	Gary McAdams WG7X
Vice President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary	Larry Watson KD4VOM
Treasurer	Bob Purdom AD7LJ
Board Member	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board Member	Al Ferguson N7OMS
Board Member	Mike Finnie W7MWF
Board Member	Nick Winter K7MO

There were 18 names on the attendance roster a copy of which is attached to the original minutes

Quorum: Yes

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Gary McAdams WG7X.

Minutes:

The minutes of the October 2014 Board Meeting as distributed and coordinated, were approved without objection or correction.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: None reported

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Bank Statements	Newsletters
Utility and Phone Bills	QEX Journal
Electric Radio	QSO Cards
E-Mail Chip Margelli	

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented and summarized, Copy attached to the original copy of these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Membership renewals coming up next month, perhaps an added survey

Training: No report

Information Technology: – Randy Myers WB4SBP

The IRLP replacement computer has been configured and ready for use as soon as an interface cable is available.

HF Operations: Operational

Randy WB4SPB reported that we did well on the recent **Sweepstakes**, missing only four sections in the US and 7 Canadian. 349 QSOs were logged.

Repeaters:

Repeater Status:

W7DK 145.21 Repeater, Bates Channel 28:
Operational

W7DK 147.28 Repeater Clubhouse: Status –
Operational

W7DK 147.38 Repeater Crawford Mountain:
Status – Operational, awaiting installation of
the 440 MHz control unit

W7DK 440.625 Repeater Clubhouse Status –
Operational

IRLP (147.28 Repeater) Operational

Facilities Management:

Short discussion on spring projects including garage painting and clubhouse pressure washing needed.

Property Management:

Mike W7MWF Summarized recent activity including completion of the Lockup item inventory. Work will continue in the various clubhouse rooms to complete the inventory. Mike also reported picking up a recent donation from Graham equipment and other items which may be candidates for the test bench in the Museum, Work is also continues to consolidate, and reconcile the various sources of property management records and files.

Bob Purdom AD7LJ will contact Frank AC7JY to get the necessary Pay Pal and EBay account information

General Membership Meeting Programs: Arranged by Dave W7UUU

"Old Time Movie Night

A 40 minute production – of wonderful old ham radio related shorts and short-features. It's billed as a "double feature" with a couple of cartoons and shorts just like the olden days. MOST folks will not have seen these clips. And a LOT of us are old enough to remember the days of shorts and double features! What better way to be nostalgic than to have them all be radio related?

We're going to add to our refreshments a BIG canister of fresh-popped popcorn that we'll make right before the meeting, complete with official popcorn bags and our usual coffee and sugar-free drink offerings as well. Anne has decided to add a cheese plate for any folks with diabetic concerns with sugar and carbs.

FUN for hams of all ages - from the 1930s to the 1950s to the 2000's there will be short clips involving our hobby for all to enjoy, all in a cohesive video running right at 40 minutes.

Workshop Project: Topic not yet selected, possibly a CW overview and invitation for members to come down and do some DXing using the Mighty W7DK station

Salmon Run: Pledge Drive: Larry KD4VOM reports we are well over three thousand dollars with just a handful of pledges to be paid.

Museum: Rich KR7W No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ADDR Web Hosting Issue: Larry KD4VOM

Larry has circulated a draft proposed formal letter response to ADDR to advise them that we have notified them that the account is terminated and we don't believe we owe any amount.

There was a motion made, seconded and passed to send the ADDR k8rn account letter as amended to

include David W7HTJ's recommended language, by certified, signature required

RCT Financial Planning: Ken Gibson N7ELF

Ken presented a detailed orientation to the value and process of establishing an Endowment program for the Radio Club of Tacoma.

There was general consensus that the Club should explore this idea further, and Ken agreed to chair a group to develop possible options for the club to be presented at next month's board meeting.

RCT Annual Membership Dues: The dues increase survey was prepared and distributed to the membership with the annual Election Ballot package

Since the recommendations from the membership won't be known until the ballots are opened and counted;

A motion was made, seconded and passed to raise the annual membership dues for paying members by \$ 5.00 if the tallied responses reflect the majority of those responding agree with the Board's recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership Notices Distribution: With the retirement of Frank Palmer AC7JY from the membership notifications task, the Club is reviewing alternative processes to keep the membership informed of events and activities of interest.

Randy WB4SPB provided an overview of Frank's process together with several other options, including using a combination of Google Gmail, and the Microsoft outlook mail merge feature, as well as a web based option using Mail Chimp.

During the discussion that followed, it became clear that the person managing the database should have the option of choosing the method to be used, with the provision that others could take over in the event of any disability.

The sense of the Board was that George K7GRS as the Membership manager should be asked to manage the database and the option to select the process of choice to support the RCT notices function.

There was also agreement that notices content would be responsibility of the preparer and notices would be authorized only by Club Officers, Committee and Program managers, or specifically identified members approved by the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Emergency Operations/ARES communications support

Larry KD4VOM requested Board feedback on a proposal to develop the club's Emergency Station capabilities by enabling it to operate as a surrogate for the Pierce County Emergency Operations Center (when the Pierce County EOC is not manned during exercises) using the ARES W7AAO repeater to support ARES Emergency Operations exercises and Simulated Emergency Tests. There was positive feedback and the first exercise is scheduled for Saturday 4 October from 8am to 10 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:15



W7DK

Proudly celebrating
98 years
 of Amateur Radio Service
 to
 Pierce County and the
 Pacific Northwest

General Membership Meeting Minutes 12 November 2014

The General Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building at Waller Road and 112th Street.

President Gary McAdams WG7X called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President	Gary McAdams WG7X
Vice President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary	Larry Watson KD4VOM
Board	Mike Finnie W7MWF
Board	Nick Winter K7MO
Board	Bruce Hanson WE7P

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached to the original copy of these minutes. There were 37 names on the attendance roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led President Gary WG7X

INTRODUCTIONS: Welcoming of guests and self-introductions were completed. There were several first time visitors and newly minted/upgraded hams attending.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: Mike W7XTZ reported the passing of Jim Nelson, a blind Ham whom several in the club had been assisting in recent years.

Correspondence:

Newsletters	Utility Bills
Bank Statements	Membership Renewals
Newsletters & Journals	Salmon Run Pledges
Email from Chip Margelli K7JA	

The Field Day Pig was circulated to collect donations for Field Day operations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Election Committee: The following were appointed by the President to the Election Com-

mittee and retired to count the annual election ballots

Peter Baker AD7EU
Ray Brassard KD7BZD
Leonard Burstiner KA7NWF

Membership: George K7GRS provided a membership summary

By Class

93 Technician	96 General
12 Advanced	128 Amateur Extra

By Type

111 Full	120 Senior
28 Family	5 Associate
1 Student	7 Honorary
34 Lifetime	31 Promotional

First-time Joined 2014

44 Technician	18 General	6 Extra
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V E Report: Leonard Burstiner KA7NWF

The Volunteer Examiners of the Radio Club of Tacoma graded 29 examinations on Tuesday November 11, 2014. Eleven new Technicians joined the Amateur Service, two Candidates passed element 2 and 3 to become Generals. One candidate did not earn an initial license.

Thanks to the following VE's for their time and effort.

Leonard, KA7NWF	Jan, K7HTU
Jon, AD7AW	Rich, KK7VH
Stephen, AD7AB	

The next monthly scheduled testing session will be Tuesday December 9th, 2014

Training: No Report

HF Station: Sweepstakes coming up, great opportunity to get into contesting

Facilities: Bruce Hanson WE7P No significant activity.

Property Management: Mike Finnie W7MWF No report

PROGRAM: Old Time Movie Night, Complete with popcorn -- Dave W7UUU

A choice selection of wonderful old ham radio related shorts and short-features. It was a "double feature" with a couple of cartoons and shorts just like the olden days. MOST folks will not have seen these clips. And a LOT of us are old enough to remember the days of shorts and double features! What better way to be nostalgic than to have them all be radio related?

Dave and Ann added a BIG canister of fresh-popped popcorn popped up right before the meeting, complete with official popcorn bags and our usual coffee and sugar-free drink offerings as well. Anne has decided to add a cheese plate for any folks with diabetic concerns with sugar and carbs.

Dave W7UUU also sported a QSL card KA0XTT for Tim Allen's "Last Man Standing" character Mike Baxter. If you send a QSL card to the program, they will send you one of these one of a kind QSL cards, the only one that isn't a real FCC amateur license.

RCT DUES INCREASE SURVEY: George K7GRS

George counted the some 90 responses to the RCT Board's request for a \$ 5.00 dues increase beginning in 2015. George's tally was 84 Yeas, 5 Nays, the increase will be adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Veteran's Day: Linda Adams AB7YL asked how many are veterans or served in the military. A large majority raised their hands, Linda thanked the veterans for their service.

Question, Suggestion. Idea Box: Dave W7UUU reported two questions were deposited into the question box. The request was for more diet friendly less sugar snacks – Response – Anne and Dave have added some crackers and cheeses to the mix

December Program: Dave W7UUU and Ann N7ANN will be out of town for the December

membership meeting, and he has arranged for Tim White K7TMW to provide a program on the W7DK Repeater system and its capabilities.

W7DK Annual Awards Banquet:

We are looking for a chairperson for this year's banquet, The TACID facility has been scheduled, but Jim KE6WHN and his XYL will be unable this year, so we are in need of an awards manager to get things going.

(After the meeting it was verified that the Banquet is on TACID's schedule for Sunday 14 December 2014...Contact the President if you can join the team, or more importantly head up the effort

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Food Bank Donations: Dave W7UUU and Ann N7ANN picked up the nonperishable contributions for the Pierce County Food Bank. Thanks to all who shared during this Thanksgiving Season.

Attaboys:

Property Inventory Team: Continued progress on the inventory and selection for the Mike and Key Hamfest.

Ham Radio Promotion: Dave W7UUU and Ann N7ANN reported an enthusiastic group present at their presentation to the Graham Readiness Group.

SHOW AND TELL: Rich KR7W brought in a 1960's era Motorola desktop microphone which he has restored and re-wired to work with his rig. Motorola prided themselves on quality audio, and Rich asserts it's clear, crisp audio is on a par with Heil's best contest microphones.

TUNING AND TRAFFIC:

There were several discussions of traffic, including KR7W's 20 meter CW contact with the Canary Islands using "Heathkit's second worst product ever built" Nick K7MO pointed out that several new DX entities are likely to be ready early in 2015, including K1N the 2015 Navassa DXpedition The KP1-5 Project

ELECTION RESULTS:

Peter Baker, AD7EU presented the winners of this year's annual election of officers

Elected President: Gary McAdams WG7X

Elected Treasurer: David Andresen K7HTJ

Elected Board: Nick Winter K7MO

Elected Board Al Ferguson N7OMS

DOOR PRIZES: Door prizes recipients: Bruce WB7EC picked up as mag mount flexible trouble light, and Dave W7UUU a small LED flashlight.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

From the Editor - - -

As 2014 comes to an end, I would like to extend my thanks to all of the folks who have helped over the year to create and publish The Logger's Bark.

Innumerable folks have submitted suggestions and photographs, stories, technical articles, and qsl cards. Others have contributed by assisting with proofreading and distribution.

This publication is a product of The RCT, not any one individual, and it hopefully reflects the variety and diversity that we are fortunate to enjoy.

Join me next year for another great year at the Club as we near our 100th Anniversary.

Happy Holidays & 73 from Mike
W7MWF



UPCOMING RADIO CLUB EVENTS

STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT-2015

Once again, as we have for years uncounted, the Radio Club of Tacoma will ring in the New Year starting at 0000z on January 1, 2015, by participating in the annual ARRL-sponsored Straight Key Night (SKN) celebration.

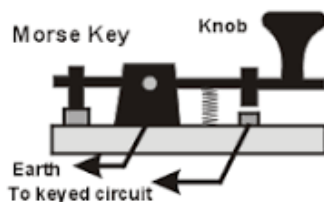
You are invited to the Clubhouse on Wednesday, December 31, between 4pm and 8pm (or so) local time, for an evening of socializing and, if you like, radio operation in the traditional manner: using Morse code, mechanical sending devices (straight keys and bugs) and radio sets from the era of vacuum tubes.

Of course, you don't have to be a CW operator to enjoy Straight Key Night at the Clubhouse. While brass is pounded in the upstairs rooms, the downstairs areas will buzz with the conversation of eyeball QSOs and the air will become fragrant with the aroma of savory victuals. We'll also conduct a few rounds of bingo, with at least one "called" in Morse code, so plan to join in and compete for coveted prizes. And if you have a special or favorite key (or other telegraphy paraphernalia), bring it along for "show-and-tell" or to use on the air. Code practice oscillators will be available for demo purposes.

On Straight Key Night, RCT radio operators will sign W7OS, the call sign of the Clifford J. "Doc" Spike Museum at the Radio Club of Tacoma. SKN contacts are informal and jovial, in tribute to the spirit and history of our hobby and the promise of the coming New Year. Everyone is welcome to take a turn at the key, and there will be two stations available to operate.

The Club will provide pizza starting at 6pm. Soda and coffee will also be provided. If you'd like to contribute something to eat, we encourage you to bring a tasty dessert.

Please join us for one of the Club's most eagerly-anticipated social and operating events: Straight Key Night 2015.



Memories of Past SKNs





2014 Radio Club of Tacoma Annual Awards Banquet

A write-up of the event and a complete list of award recipients will be published in next month's Bark, as well as additional photographs.



Well it seems we have a scarcity of cards to select from this month. And I didn't get a chance to scan some of the cards that are sent to W7DK and W7OS this month. So this month we will have a "Who Is This Ham" contest. The young man pictured below is a now a General Class Amateur, first licensed as a novice in 1981. You'll often see him at the clubhouse on Saturdays. The newer photo is of him hard at 'work' inside his shack. Send Guesses to w7dk-news@earthlink.net.

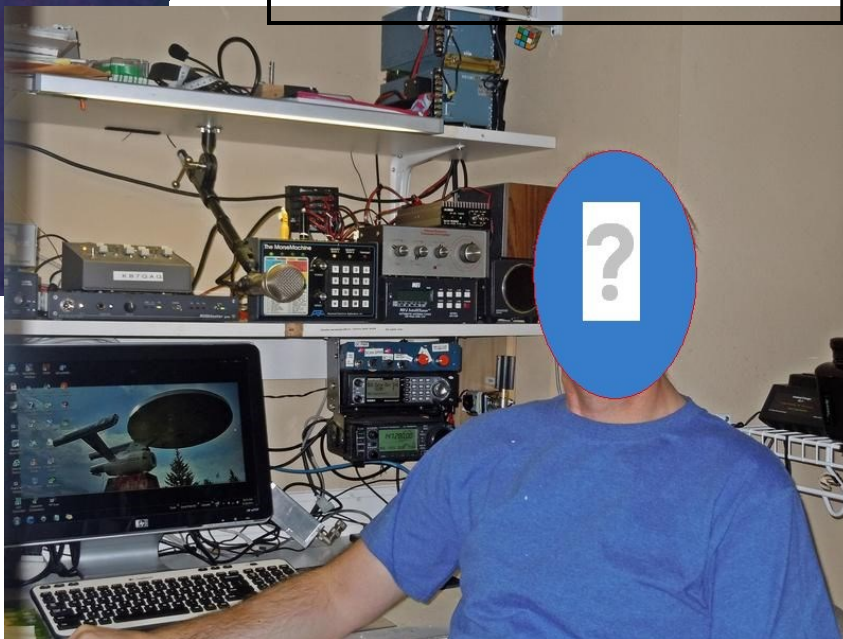


Operator's Wallpaper

If you have any special, or cool, or unique, or simply beautiful QSL cards in your collection that you'd like to share, please scan (high resolution is preferred) and email to the Bark Editor w7dk-news@earthlink.net. If you can't get them scanned, bring them along to the clubhouse on a Saturday, we'll scan them real quick and give them back to you.

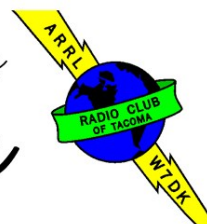
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Since we had NO guesses last month regarding the identity of this handsome yet mysterious ham, we again give you the opportunity to take a stab at figuring out who it might be. Send your answers/guesses to w7dk-news@earthlink.net. He is a currently active ham and you will often see him vending wares on Last Saturday Swap Meets and is a regular on the Tues 2 meter net.





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Radio Club Repeaters

Central Tacoma: 147.280 + PL=103.5

Crawford Mountain (SE Thurston County): 147.380 + PL=103.5

Central Tacoma: 440.625 + PL=103.5

North Tacoma: 145.21 - PL=141.3

Remember - For the latest and most current information on events and activities, visit the Radio Club of Tacoma Website w7dk.org. Be sure to enroll as a member to see all the info.

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Upcoming RCT Events

REGULAR EVENTS

Club Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Workshops: Fourth Wednesday of the month at the Clubhouse, 1249 So. Washington St, Tacoma. A variety of training and educational events will be conducted.

Board Meeting: First Wednesday of the month at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend .

Bark Deadline: Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

Check into the weekly two meter net: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz

Check into the weekly 10 meter net: Sundays at 8:00 PM on 28.375 MHz .

SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual Awards Banquet December 14, 2014 Time and Location TBA

Straight Key Night 2014: December 31, 2014 about 4pm local time @ the RCT Clubhouse .Annual "Ring In The New Year celebration. Food, Fun , Fellowship & QSOs